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SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Applicants are providing this submission in response to the Notice of Abandonment ("Notice") mailed on March 16, 2007. Applicants note that they previously filed a Request to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment ("Request") for failure to timely pay the required issue fee as alleged in the Notice. Therefore, Applicants believe that the previously-filed Request is responsive to the Notice.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the previously-filed Request be granted, and in view of same, further request that the Patent Office issue the Notice of Allowance, again, thus providing Applicants with three-months from the date of issuance of the newly-mailed Notice of Allowance for payment of the issue fee.

If the Patent Office should have any questions regarding this submission and/or Applicants previously-filed Request, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office contact the undersigned attorney of record and, if convenient, by telephone to resolve any potential issues that may remain.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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